

1859

Houston was elected Governor  
of the State of Texas.

Nov 24, 1859

British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of the Species," which explained the theory of evolution.

Dec 2, 1859

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Militant abolitionist John Brown  
was hanged for his raid on  
Harper's Ferry the previous  
October.

Oct 16, 1859

Abolitionist John Brown led  
a group of about 20 men in  
a raid on Harper's Ferry.

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When oil was discovered in the U.S. in 1859, gasoline was a useless by-product. It remained so until the development of Automobiles.

The first commercial product made from petroleum was rock oil, sold at \$1.00 a bottle as a cure for cholera, corns, toothache,

Feb 14, 1859

Oregon was admitted to the  
Union as the 33rd state

Dec 1859

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Sam Houston was elected  
Governor of State of Texas.

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After 5 yr voyage & 20 yrs studying  
specimens, Charles Darwin  
wrote "Origin of the Species."



Apr 25, 1859

Ground was broken for the  
SUFEZ canal.

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Charles Darwin wrote "On the  
Origin of Species"

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A man named Drake discovered  
oil at Titusville, Penn.